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SUBJECT: ISRAEL EXPELS FOUR WEST BANK RESIDENTS

1. IDF SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED NOV 4 THAT FOUR WEST BANK RESIDENTS HAD BEEN EXPELLED EARLY SAME DAY. IDF ANNOUNCEMENT DESCRIBED FOUR AS BELONGING TO NATIONAL PALESTINIAN FRONT (NPF) AND SAID THEY "WERE FOUND TO HAVE INCITED THE RESIDENTS AGAINST THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES AND ACTED AGAINST MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER".

2. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT DOES NOT MENTION NAMES OF EXPLEEES, BUT THEY ARE IDENTIFIED IN AFTERNOON ISRAELI PRESS ACCOUNTS AS FOLLOWS (SPELLING FROM EMBASSY TRANSLATION):

A. ALI MUHAMMED AL-KHATIB OF JERUSALEM, WHO IS EDITOR OF POPULAR JERUSALEM DAILY "ASH-SHAAB". HE IS ACCUSED OF ENCOURAGING SUPPORT FOR PLO THROUGH HIS EDITORIAL AND OF
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SIGNING PRO-PLO PETITION.

B. DR MUSTAFA MELHAM, DESCRIBED AS DEPUTY MAYOR OF KHALKHUL (NORTH OF HEBRON). HE IS DESCRIBED AS A FOUNDER OF NPF AND MEMBER OF ITS CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTIVITIES IN HEBRON AND BEHLEHEM.

C. NAIM BAKR ABDALLAH HAK OF NABLUS, DESCRIBED AS RESPONSIBLE FOR NPF ACTIVITIES IN NABLUS.

D. DAOUD ALIQAT OF JERICHO, DESCRIBED AS BEING ACTIVE IN NPF AND HAVING SIGNED PETITION IN SUPPORT OF PLO.

3. COMMENT: OVER PAST SEVERAL DAYS PRESS HAS BEEN REPORTING GOI PLANS TO TIGHTEN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS ON WEST BANK IN VIEW OF REPORTED WIDESPREAD PUBLIC POSITIVE REACTION AMONG RESIDENTS TO RESULTS OF RABAT SUMMIT AND CONCERN THAT THIS WOULD ENCOURAGE TERRORIST ACTIVITY. EXPULSION WAS REPORTED AS ONE SANCITON GOI WAS CONSIDERING TO DAMPEN ENTHUSIASM OF PLO SUPPORTERS. GOI OBVIOUSLY IS HOPEFUL THAT EXPULSION OF THESE FOUR (TOGETHER WITH REPORTS THAT GOI MIGHT HAVE TO RECONSIDER OPEN BRIDGES POLICY) MIGHT INHIBIT WEST BANKERS FROM AT LEAST PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF ENTHUSIASM FOR PLO. IN ADDITION, THERE IS NO DOUBT THE IDF HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO DO WHATEVER IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO KEEP SECURITY SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.
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